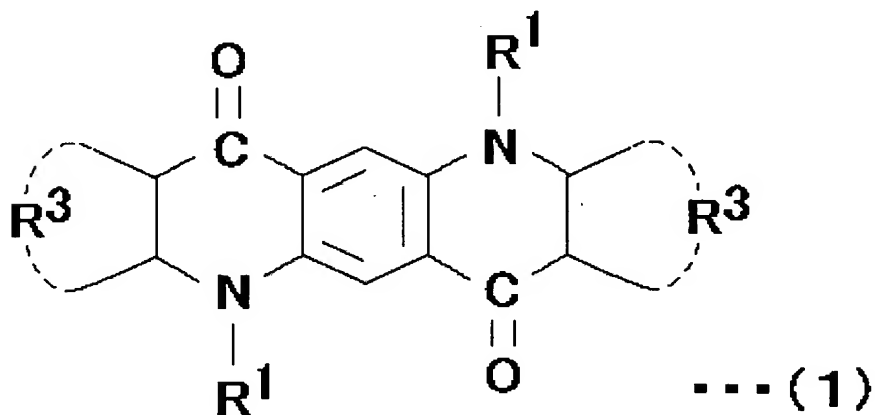


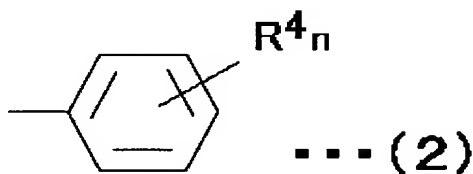
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS
IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

Please amend the claims as follows.

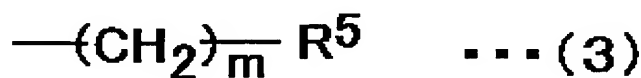
1. (Original) A white light-emitting compound represented by formula (1):



wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an aryl group represented by formula (2), or an aralkyl group represented by formula (3), wherein there are no cases where both R^1 s are hydrogen atoms; R^3 denotes one of the substituents respectively represented by formulas (4)-(8), wherein two R^3 s may be the same or different from each other; the formula (2) is:

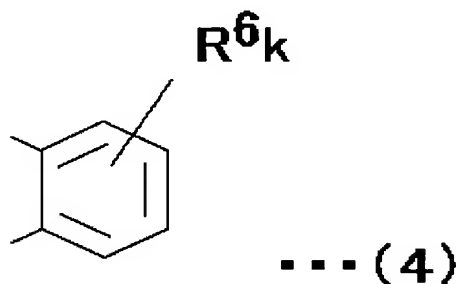


wherein R^4 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or an alkoxyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms; and n denotes an integer from 1 to 5, the formula (3) is:



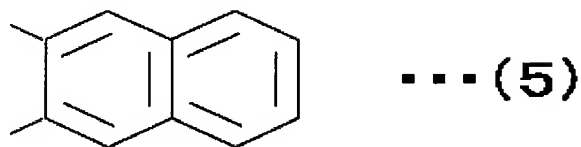
wherein R^5 is an aryl group represented by the formula (2); and m denotes an integer from 1 to 10,

the formula (4) is:

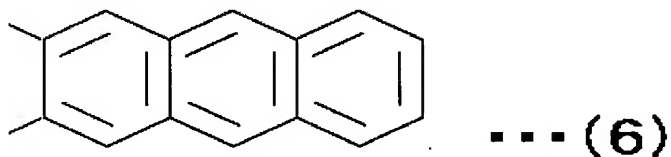


wherein R^6 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or an aryl group represented by the formula (2); and k denotes an integer from 1 to 4,

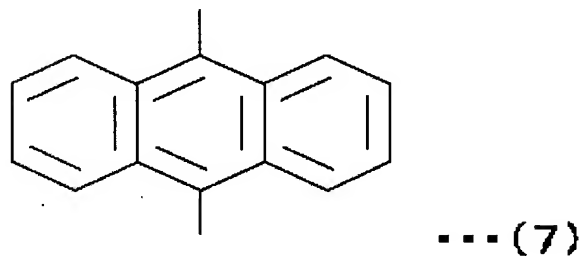
the formula 5 is:



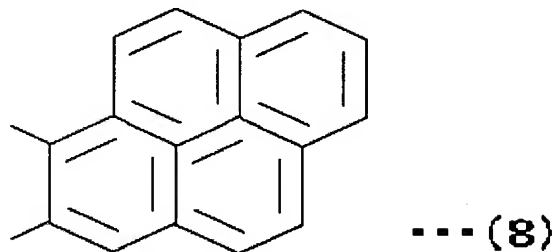
the formula (6) is:



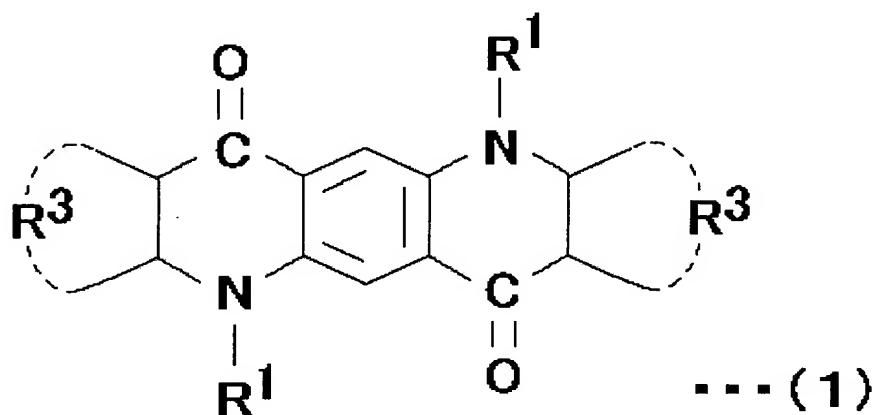
the formula (7) is:



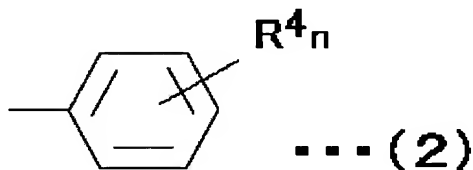
and, the formula (8) is:



2. (Currently Amended) A process of producing a white light-emitting compound represented by the formula (1);



wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an aryl group represented by formula (2), or an aralkyl group represented by formula (3), wherein there are no cases where both R^1 's are hydrogen atoms; R^3 denotes one of the substituents respectively represented by formulas (4)-(8), wherein two R^3 's may be the same or different from each other; the formula (2) is:



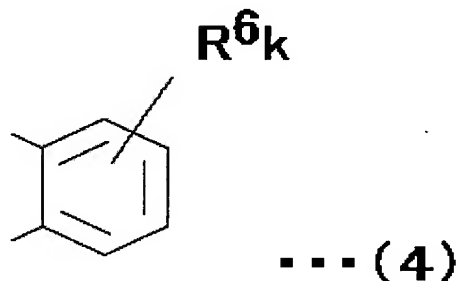
wherein R^4 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or an alkoxyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms; and n denotes an integer from 1 to 5,

the formula (3) is:



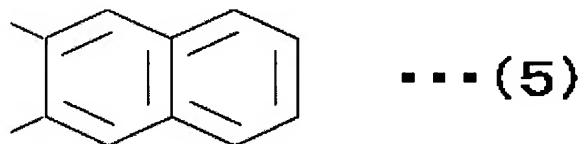
wherein R^5 is an aryl group represented by the formula (2); and m denotes an integer from 1 to 10,

the formula (4) is:

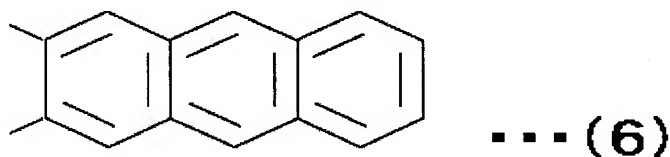


wherein R^6 is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or an aryl group represented by the formula (2); and k denotes an integer from 1 to 4,

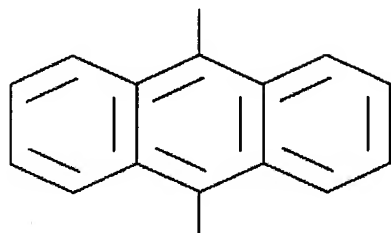
the formula 5 is:



the formula (6) is:

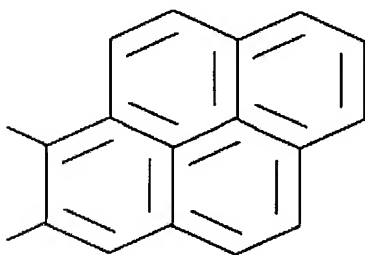


the formula (7) is:



... (7)

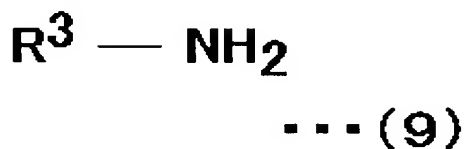
and, the formula (8) is:



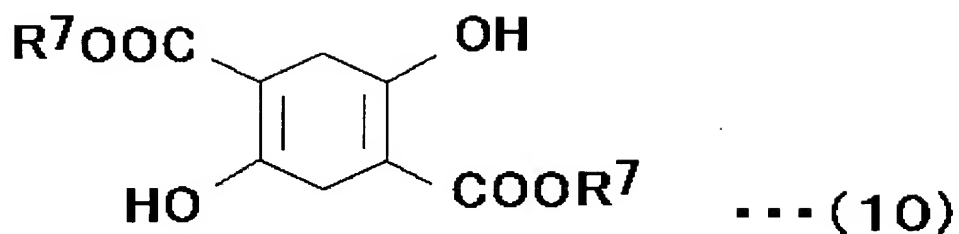
... (8)

said process comprising dehydrating an aromatic amine represented by formula (9) and a diol represented by formula (10) to produce a first compound represented by formula (11); dehydrogenating the first compound; reacting the dehydrogenated compound with an alkyl halide, the chemical formula of which is R^1-X wherein R^1 denotes the same as that defined in claim 1 above, and X is a halogen atom, to produce a second compound represented by formula (12); and subjecting the second compound to a ring-closing reaction, wherein

the formula (9) is:

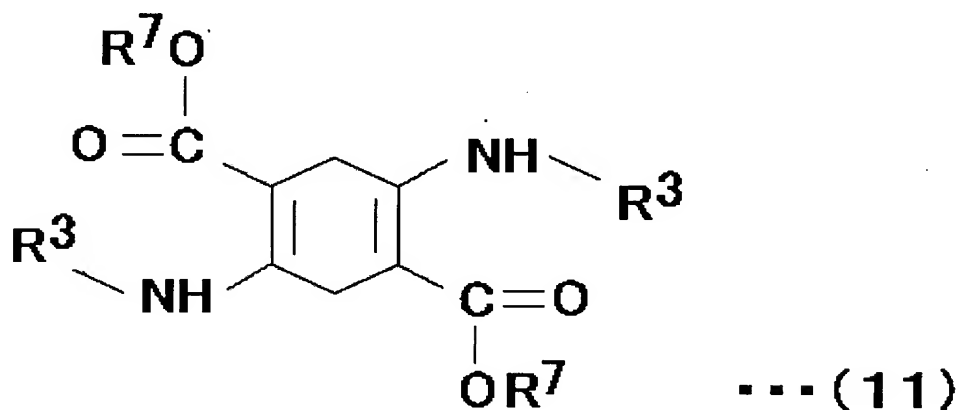


wherein R^3 denotes the same as that defined in claim 1 above,
the formula (10) is:



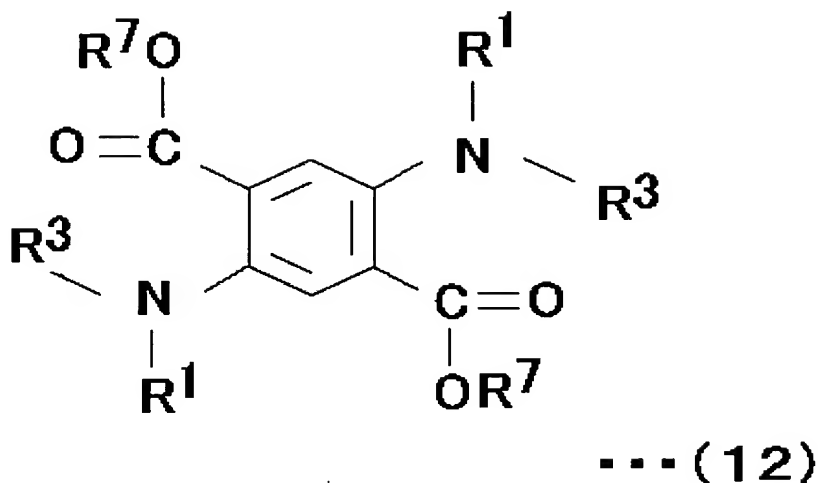
wherein R^7 is a straight-chain alkyl group with 1 to 3 carbon atoms and two R^7 's may be the same or different from each other,

the formula (11) is:



wherein R^3 denotes the same as that defined in claim 1 above and R^7 denotes the same as that defined above,

the formula (12) is:



wherein R¹ denotes the same as that defined in ~~claim 1~~ above and there are no cases where both R¹s are hydrogen atoms, and R³ and R⁷ are the same as those defined above.

3. (Canceled).

4. (New) A layered article comprising the white light-emitting compound of claim 1.

5. (New) The layered article according to claim 4, which is in a form of an organic EL element comprising a substrate, a pair of electrodes, and at least one light-emitting layer sandwiched between the electrodes and including the white light-emitting compound, wherein the substrate has been provided with one of the electrode.

6. (New) The layered article according to claim 5, wherein the organic EL element comprises a single light-emitting layer.

7. (New) The layered article according to claim 5, wherein the organic EL element further comprises a hole-transporting layer and an electron-transporting layer, and wherein the organic EL element comprises two or more light-emitting layers, at least one of which includes the white light-emitting compound.

8. (New) The layered article according to claim 4, wherein said article has a planar shape.
9. (New) The layered article according to claim 4, wherein said article has a tubular shape.
10. (New) The layered article according to claim 5, wherein said article has a planar shape.
11. (New) The layered article according to claim 5, wherein said article has a tubular shape.
12. (New) The layered article according to claim 6, wherein said article has a planar shape.
13. (New) The layered article according to claim 6, wherein said article has a tubular shape.
14. (New) The layered article according to claim 7, wherein said article has a planar shape.
15. (New) The layered article according to claim 7, wherein said article has a tubular shape.